

The Rock County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. as advertised in the Rock County Leader on December 11, 2024. Roll call was taken. Present were Wade Hollenbeck, Faye Smith & Colby Sybrant. Also present were Waylon Reynolds, Road Foreman & Daunita Buoy, County Clerk.

Hollenbeck stated the Open Meeting Law is posted on the wall in the Commissioner's room.

The minutes of the December 3, 2024 minutes were presented. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to approve the December 3, 2024 minutes. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

The agenda for the day was reviewed. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to approve the agenda as posted in the Clerk's office. Roll call vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

Traci Booth & Jessica Pozehl, Emergency Management met with the Commissioners on CWDG Stop the Burn grant update. UNL will be the applicant & Rock Co., will be the Co-Applicant. They are working with Sandy Benson on this application. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to have Tracy move forward with the application for CWDG Stop the Burn grant. Roll call vote: All For None Against Motion carried. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to appoint Hollenbeck as the liaison between the County & Emergency Management. Roll call vote: All For None Against Motion carried.

Waylon Reynolds, Road Foreman met with the Commissioners on road updates. D. Buoy, Clerk received an evaluation for the NE LTAP Onsite Training that Tyler, Josh & Jeffrey took. All that trained received excellent scores. Tree mulching was discussed. Signage will be used in place of extra employees where it is feasible.

Clerk Buoy discussed county paid cell phones with the Commissioners. Also present was Mitch Dean, Weed Superintendent/Road Crew. First Net (AT&T) billing is a disaster. Countless hours have been spent trying to fix the Ambulance, Road & Sheriff accounts with First Net. Poor billing and misapplied payments have been a real issue. Dean gave weed updates.

Kurt Arganbright, County Attorney joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Advertising for applications for a County Highway Superintendent was discussed for the 2025 calendar year. Motion by Smith and seconded by Sybrant to approve advertising for a County Highway Superintendent, applications due by January 7th, 2025.

Obligation of AARPA & LACTF Funds were discussed. There is \$124,000.95 principle left to be obligated by December 31, 2024. B Shelbourn, Sheriff met with the Commissioners with bids on a new patrol unit. The county already has \$28471.00 obligated for duct work on the third floor & cement work behind the courthouse. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to approve Ainsworth Motors quote for a 2025 F150 pickup for \$50,724.00 Roll Call Vote: All For None Against Motion carried. The remaining \$43865.87 will be obligated to patrol unit upfit & to the Carns Bridge Fund.

Clerk reported suggestions from the State Auditors. They want to see a County Inventory Policy & a County Credit Card Policy implemented. Matter tabled until the reorganization meeting. They also are having issues with Arganbright being paid contract & not salary.....as it doesn't align with the 4 year resolution that was done in December 2021.

TJ Ellermeier, Assessor met with the Commissioners on a tax correction. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to go into Board of Equalization at 2:45 p.m. Ellermeier discussed parcels that should be tax exempt. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Hollenbeck to go out of Board of Equalization at 2:47 p.m. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve the tax correction to parcel # 750003124, 750003125 750003126. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. TJ also discussed the Zoning Comp. Plan with the Commissioners. TJ has contacted numerous companies for comp plan updates. The Commissioners requested TJ to move forward with updating the Zoning Comp. Plan.

The County Newspaper for year 2025 was discussed. NDOT needs this information before the reorganization meeting in January. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to approve the Rock County Leader as the County Newspaper for 2025. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Dental insurance was discussed. Delta is raising their insurance premiums. They have presented a few more options. Motion by Hollenbeck and seconded by Sybrant to keep Delta Dental, Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried.

Ev Armstrong, Historical Society met with the Commissioners on help with the painting of the church/depot. Motion by Smith and seconded by Hollenbeck to approve reimbursing the Historical Society for the extra painting at the Depot. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. The log cabin is in need of structural repair & the praying hands over the bell need replaced.

AK Investments, LLC's applications for (4) 2480 hog finishing barns located in 2 locations in Southern Rock County were discussed. Smith made a motion to deny the Conditional Use Permit for two 2,480 hog finishing barns (East,

Location 1) in the center of Section 4, Township, 25N, Range 18, W of the 6th P.M. Rock County NE for the following reasons:

1. 501.05 1B “Any confined animal feeding use shall be located only in areas of the county which are not subject to flooding on a 100-year basis.”
2. 1008.09 “Provisions are made to avoid development within any area subject to flooding and/or to avoid modification of any wetlands.”
3. 501.05 2J “Any waste handling animal feeding use shall generally be located only in areas of the county where the impact to the public infrastructure and services, particularly roads and bridges, will not result in an undue cost burden to the taxpayers of the county.”
4. 501.02 1B “Utilizing a twenty five year storm as a basis for design, surface runoff or other drainage from such confined animal feeding area shall not flow directly or indirectly into any river, stream, or drainage way which would allow any animal waste or waste water to flow beyond the property lines of the property on which such use is located.
5. 501.01 1B “The absence of any evidence that special types of confined feeding/management operations, topography, prevailing winds, or other factor or combination of factors exist will not interfere with the future use and enjoyment of adjoining properties.
6. Our Planning and Zoning Committee consists of 9 lifelong residents, who all own property in Rock County. Eight members, due to the absence of one, voted unanimously to deny these Conditional Use Permits

Motion seconded by Sybrant. Roll Call Vote: All for None Against Motion carried.

Smith made a motion to deny the Conditional Use Permit for two 2,480 hog finishing barns (West, Location 2) in the center of Section 31, Township, 26N, Range 18, W of the 6th P.M. Rock County NE for the following reasons:

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Ben is requesting to raise Derek’s hourly by 50 cents. He is going into the chief deputy position. Jacen is moving to full time & Ben is requesting \$1.00/hour to \$16.40, starting January 1, 2025 & Derek’s hourly wage to 50 cents more than the January raises.

The following claims were audited:

<u>GENERAL</u>		
Employees	Labor	34789.89
Employees	Medical Reimbursement	16556.68
Appeara	Towel Service	63.92
D. Arganbright	Contract Labor	5195.83
BC/BS	Insurance Premiums	2365.24
Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	984.93
Blue360	Traffic Law Books	199.90
Cash Wa	Sr. Ctr. Support	1632.00
RC Clerk	DD Fee	20.00
Colonial Life	Employer Share Life Ins.	27.30
T. Ellermeier	Mileage	51.25
Fastwyre	Phone/Internet	711.20
First Concord	Admin Fees (Dec.)	15.00
Historical Society	Reimburse for light pole	790.00
Holt Co Treasurer	Probation Share	235.34

Caleb Johnson	Budget Prep	3483.49
RC Leader	Supplies/Advertise	1065.08
Microfilm Imaging	Equipment Rent	165.50
MIPS	Voucher Checks	30.20
NPPD	Sr Ctr Support	366.80
Office Products	Copy Machine	79.74
Region 2 (Weed Mgmt)	Dues	100.00
Region 4 Behavioral	3 rd Qtr Co. Share 24/25	1421.75
Ameritas	Matched Retire	2445.42
RC Senior Center	Sr Ctr Support/Natural Gas	219.66
Scott's	Fuel	573.80
IRS	Matched SS	3829.72
US Bank	Fuel/Supplies	406.47
	<u>ROAD</u>	
Road Crew	Labor	12194.21
Road Crew	Medical Reimbursement	4730.48
Appeara	Towel Service	37.90
BC/BS	Insurance Premium	3547.86
Colonial Life Ins.	Employer Share Life Ins.	11.00
CVA	Fuel	5646.85
Fastwyre	Phone	60.90
Leon's	Keys	11.34
NVC	Carns/Armor/Mileage	1487.10
Ameritas	Matched Retirement	823.12
IRS	Matched Social Security	1248.41
Turp's	Supplies	188.29
	<u>LIBRARY</u>	
Employees	Salaries	2304.94
Employees	Medical Reimbursement	2365.24
Colonial Life Ins.	Employer Share Life Ins.	4.00
Ameritas	Matched Retirement	151.93
IRS	Matched SS	317.89
US Bank	Books/Supplies	64.37
	<u>LOCAL ASSITANCE & TRIBAL</u>	
Pro Electric	Electrical/Mini Splits	20124.00
	<u>911 EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT</u>	
Fastwyre	E911	54.00
	<u>OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>	
Sandhills State Bank	Courthouse Remodel	12005.05

Motion Sybrant and seconded by Smith to approve the claims as audited. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. Motion by Sybrant and seconded by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 3:28 p.m. Roll Call Vote: All For None Against. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be January 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

S/Wade D. Hollenbeck, Chairman of the Board

Attest: S/Daunitta J. Buoy, Clerk